

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the remarks that follow.

In the January 27, 2006 Office Action in this application, the Examiner objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure because it exceeds the maximum of 150 words.

As indicated above, Applicant has amended the Abstract to be less than 150 words. Therefore, it is believed that the amended Abstract is in compliance with MPEP § 608.01(b).

The Examiner has objected to claims 7-11, citing specific informalities with respect to each claim.

As indicated above, claims 7-11 have been amended to address the Examiners objections. It is believed that all claims present in this application are now in compliance with all requirement of 35 USC § 112.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,738,855.

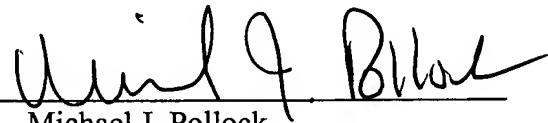
Applicant notes that claims 1-6 of the original application were cancelled in a preliminary amendment filed with the original application documents. In an April 5, 2006, telephone conversation with the Examiner, the undersigned was advised that the preliminary amendment had been entered in this application. Applicant responds as follows to the double patenting rejection with respect to claim 7.

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith to address the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claim 7.

Applicant is now of the good faith belief that all outstanding issues in the application have been satisfactorily addressed. Therefore, it is requested that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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